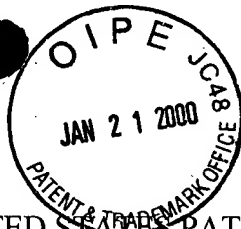


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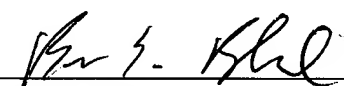
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND CERTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure toward the Patent Office, the Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references noted on the attached Form PCT/IPEA/408. The references were recently cited in a Written Opinion mailed December 9, 1999. Enclosed for the Examiner's information are copies of the references and the Written Opinion.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Written Opinion was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application as indicated above, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. The relevance of any cited foreign language document, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(3), is indicated in the attached search report.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to

establish that the references are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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